

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN Re Electronic Communication Devices

General Order No. 46

ORDER

THIS ORDER RELATES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA FOR THE OKMULGEE AND MCALESTER COURTHOUSES ONLY.

- (a) This Order relates to laptop computers, effective October 1, 2004.
- (b) Federal law enforcement officers, employees and tenants of the courthouse may bring laptop computers into the courthouse.
- (c) No cellular telephones, personal digital assistants or pagers shall be allowed.
- (d) Possession of laptop computers is otherwise prohibited, except by
 - (1) lawyers who present photo identification and a current bar registration card from this court;
 - (2) pro hac vice counsel who present photo identification and a court order which establishes that they are admitted to practice for a particular case, when counsel is at the courthouse on business related to that case;
 - (3) individuals who are granted specific written permission from this court.

All such individuals and laptop computers are subject to proper screening and security clearance before entry into the courthouse. Failure to permit screening of the device will result in the refusal to admit the laptop computer.


(e) No person who is allowed to possess a laptop computer in the courthouse may allow it to be used by any unauthorized person or for any unauthorized purpose.


(f) Use of devices in the courthouse: Laptop computers are allowed, but the volume must be muted. No other electronic communication device may be used in the courtroom.

(g) Any electronic communication device that is used in violation of this rule is subject to immediate, permanent confiscation. In addition, in the discretion of the court, the violator or other responsible party may be subject to other sanctions (including financial sanctions).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2004.


JAMES H. PAYNE
Chief Judge
U.S. District Court


TOM R. CORNISH
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge